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As a developer for open-sourced software, I am extremely concerned about the recent proposed settlement to the landmark anti-trust case against Microsoft Corporation. I feel that the settlement does not go far enough in providing a remedy for the incalculable damage Microsoft's illegal business practices have caused the industry I work in, nor does it adequately address Microsoft's continued anti-competitive behavior, and that it fails to provide a solution that helps to reduce Microsoft's ability to do further damage, even in the light of Microsoft's complete lack of acknowledgement or contrition. Particularly troubling is the idea that allowing Microsoft to place thousands of computers running it's operating systems and other software in front of students in public schools is somehow a solution to it's stranglehold on the desktop industry rather than a way to increase Microsoft's dominance.

Microsoft has been shown to have acted illegally. The software industry needs the protection of the Dept of Justice from further abuses, not a free license for Microsoft to continue it's anti-competitive behavior.

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